

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

In some embodiments, a system comprises at least one computer system, wherein  
5 the computer system is configured to execute a virtual machine corresponding to a user.  
The system further comprises a storage subsystem configured to store data representing  
the virtual machine and at least one file server. The file server is coupled to a network to  
which the computer system is configured to be coupled, and is also coupled to the storage  
subsystem. The file server is configured to provide the computer system with access to  
10 the data representing the virtual machine from the storage subsystem over the network. In  
some embodiments, the computer system is configured for essentially continuous  
connection to the network during use. In other embodiments, the computer system is  
configured for intermittent connection to the network during use.